

What is claimed is

1. A system for protecting an article comprising the steps of  
affixing an electronic tag to the article characteristic of the article;  
delivering an electronic signal via a global positioning system to the article to  
activate said tag to emit a signal indicative of the article; and  
determining the geographic location of the article from a return signal from the  
global positioning system.
2. A system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising the steps of tracking the  
location of the article over a period of time and displaying the path of travel on a map.
3. A system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising the steps establishing an  
electronic geographic boundary area about the article and emitting a signal from said  
tag on the article in response to the article passing beyond said boundary.
4. A system as set forth in claim 3 further comprising the step of employing said  
emitted signal to disable movement of the article upon passing from said geographic  
boundary area.
5. An electronic tag for affixing to an article comprising  
a wireless transceiver and antenna to communicate over a communications  
network and to receive information from a GPS;  
a microprocessor to transfer data strings from a GPS to said transceiver; and  
having firmware for processing instructions for operation; and  
a motion detector for sensing motion of the article.
6. An electronic tag as set forth in claim 5 further comprising a flash memory in said  
firmware for storing a running log of where the article has travelled.

7. An electronic tag as set forth in claim 5 further comprising a battery for continued operation, a power monitor for detecting the presence of external power and a port for connection to an external computer.